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(*d*) The extent of remissions granted up to the dates shown is given below :—

—— (1)	Up to 31st March 1925. (2)	Up to 15th April 1925. (3)	Up to 30th April 1925. (4)	Up to 15th May 1925. (5)
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Tanjore	26,913	26,913	61,540	61,540
Papanasam ..	2,635	6,000	No report.	21,233
Kumbakonam ..	5,000	11,009	18,062	26,034
Mayavaram ..	No report.	2,330	3,940	4,889
Shiyali	2,797	11,128	23,324	26,292
Nannilam	3,162	5,423	19,028	19,028
Negapatam ..	27,963	35,436	36,228	36,228
Tiruturaipundi ..	No report.	130	No report.	28,959
Mannargudi ..	5,610	5,702	No report.	6,040

——	Up to 31st May 1925. (6)	Up to 15th June 1925. (7)	Up to 30th June 1925. (8)	Up to 31st July 1925. (9)
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Tanjore	61,540	61,540	61,540	61,540
Papanasam ..	25,294	25,565	25,566	28,513
Kumbakonam ..	28,453	28,453	30,453	30,453
Mayavaram ..	9,588	18,112	30,315	63,967
Shiyali	36,867	36,867	40,284	45,643
Nannilam	19,028	24,386	25,268	25,268
Negapatam ..	87,532	87,547	87,547	87,547
Tiruturaipundi ..	28,959	34,241	34,241	34,241
Mannargudi ..	6,040	6,465	6,465	6,465

(*e*), (*f*) & (*g*) No coercive processes were issued in respect of areas on which remission had been applied for until inspection had been made.

(*h*) No orders of Government were necessary in view of the action taken by the Collector.

(*i*) & (*j*) Do not arise.

Pounds and Special Fund.

Penalty for illicit grazing of goats and sheep in Somandapalle reserve, Anantapur.

* 454. *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether goats and sheep grazing illicitly in the Somandapalle reserve (Anantapur district) are charged Re. 0-4-0 per head by the pound-keeper of Penukonda, whereas they are charged only at Re 0-1-0 per head by the pound-keepers of surrounding villages ;

(*b*) whether the 200 goats of N. Dasanna of Marvapalle, hamlet of Ramapuram, were charged at Re. 0-4-0 per head and similarly the animals of Ediga Rangappa of Hammanapalle ;

(*c*) whether the rates prescribed for all pounds are not uniform, and if not, the reasons for the difference ; and

(*d*) if excess collections were made, what steps the Government propose to take to see that the practice does not recur, and whether it is contemplated to refund the excess collection?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The rates of fine leviable on sheep and goats trespassing in the Penukonda reserve was increased in 1909 to four annas per head (under section 58 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882), while in the case of the Somandapalli reserve the fine remains at the rate of one anna (fixed in section 12 of the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871). The Collector reports that the pound-keeper of Penukonda has been collecting fines at the enhanced rate on all animals impounded without ascertaining whether they were found grazing in the Penukonda reserve.

(*b*) 182 goats of N. Dasanna and 18 goats of Ediga Rangappa trespassing in Somandepalli reserve were charged at the enhanced rate of four annas each.

(*c*) The enhanced rates for Penukonda reserve were imposed to protect the reserve while it was under cultural operations.

(*d*) The Collector has ordered the refund of the excess amount collected. It is proposed to levy uniform rates in both reserves in future as the cultural operations have ceased.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" As regards the last part of the answer to clause (*a*), are any steps taken to prevent such occurrences? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir. The step taken is stated in clause (*d*), and I think it is the most effective step."

Depressed Classes.

Alleged interference of caste people with the depressed classes in Kuditini village.

* 455 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether a copy of mahazar, dated 4th June 1925, submitted by the members of the depressed classes of Kuditini village, Bellary taluk, regarding the interference of the caste people in their religious rites has been received in the Law (General) Department?

A.—Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know what steps the Government have already taken in the matter? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government are awaiting the report from the Collector of Bellary."

Need of house-sites, etc., for Adi-Dravidas of Perungalur cheri, Chidambaram taluk.

* 456 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Perungalur cheri, Chidambaram taluk, are very badly in need of house-sites, a well and a school, and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a special overseer ordered the Adi-Dravidas on the 19th May 1925 to dig a pit near their Marriamman temple